

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 5, 7, 9-11, 13-15, 17-18, 22, 24-25, 28, 31, and 33-36 are pending in this application. Claims 5, 18, and 25 have been currently amended. Support for the amendment may be found throughout the specification and drawings.

Claim Objections

Per the Patent Office's instruction, Applicants have amended Claims 5 and 25 for clarity.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

Claims 18 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as failing to set forth the subject matter which Applicants regard as their invention. Accordingly, Applicants have currently amended Claims 18 and 25. Support for the amendment may be found, for example, at paragraph [0049] of the Specification.

Double Patenting

Claims 5, 7, 9-11, 13-15, 17, 22, 24, 28, 31, and 33-36 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims of U.S. Patent Number 6,654,946 to Eneboe et al. Enclosed please find a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) to overcome this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in the case.

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